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Iraq: The selection of acting chief of state Major General Abd al-Rahman Muhammad Arif to succeed his late brother as president has at least temporarily averted a showdown between the several contending factions.

The new president, chosen at a meeting of the cabinet and National Defense Council, has little personal following, and the prospect for stability seems questionable. His chief opponent within the regime, the vigorous and ambitious minister of defense, General Uqayli, apparently withdrew from contention, but will probably continue to maneuver behind the scenes.

The retention of Bazzaz as premier suggests that the policies of the previous regime will probably be continued. These include the maintenance of a close relationship with Nasir and a modified socialist domestic policy.

*Despite a Kurdish rebel announcement on 17 April of a month-long ceasefire, the government probably will continue its military campaign against the Kurds.

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